

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF EMMA L. JOHNSTON, CO-FOUNDER OF PEACE, INC. AND HER TIRELESS COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS

HON. DANIEL B. MAFFEI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. MAFFEI. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride that I rise today to recognize the accomplishments of Emma L. Johnston.

Ms. Johnston is a native of Syracuse, New York, and one of the founders of PEACE, Inc. (People's Equal Action and Community Effort, Inc.). On Wednesday, May 28, 2014, the Southside Family Resource Center in Syracuse, New York, will be renamed in honor of Emma Johnston.

As a single mother, Ms. Johnston was able to lift herself out of poverty with the help of her community. The kindness and ready aid of her neighbors inspired Ms. Johnston to become one of the founding members of PEACE, Inc. in 1968, when it consisted of twenty employees and three programs.

Today, PEACE, Inc. boasts fifteen programs, 400 employees, and fifty sites across New York. Its mission—helping disadvantaged individuals attain self-sufficiency—is visibly accomplished every day in Syracuse. This progress would not be possible without Ms. Johnston's pioneering work.

Thanks to Ms. Johnston's tireless years of service, PEACE now includes services ranging from Big Brother, Big Sister to Energy and Housing Services, and from Men in the Lives of Kids to tax assistance. As PEACE has grown and developed, so has the New York community—a feat for which we truly cannot thank Ms. Johnston enough.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Emma L. Johnston for her tireless work with PEACE, Inc., and to wish her the best of health and luck in all her future endeavors.

HONORING DAVE HOBSON

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the Ohio National Guard and U.S. Air Force Space Command for establishing the new Hobson Cyberspace Communications Complex at the Springfield, Ohio, Air National Guard Base in honor of former U.S. Representative David Hobson.

The new facility—which houses the Ohio Air National Guard's 251st Cyber Engineering Installation Group and 269th Combat Communications Squadron—consists of nearly 32,000 square feet of administration and training

space, with an additional 15,700 square feet of supply and warehouse space for 38 full-time personnel and 174 traditional guard members.

The complex is critical to Air Force Space Command's federal mission and the Ohio National Guard's homeland security and peacetime missions supporting local, state and national response operations such as cyberspace and communications infrastructure activities, civil disturbances or natural disaster response. The advanced technological features of the complex will significantly increase the units' capacity to support critical missions for command and control of cyberspace defense missions.

As an Ohio Air National Guard veteran, former Representative Hobson learned firsthand just how much service members and their families sacrifice to serve their country. During his 18 years in Congress, Representative Hobson successfully obtained federal funding for military projects that have improved the lives and working conditions for National Guard members at home and overseas.

Mr. Speaker, it was my honor and privilege to serve alongside of Representative Hobson in the House and on the Appropriations Committee during his service. I believe that it is fitting and proper that this facility be named in his honor.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise today in reluctant opposition to H.R. 4435, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2014.

For the last 53 years, Congress has passed—and the President has signed into law—the annual Defense Authorization bill, allowing us to provide the critical resources the Armed Forces need to maintain the best military in the world. The NDAA has also allowed Congress to have an open dialogue about many of the difficult choices with which we are confronted, including the significant financial constraints that our military is operating under. While I appreciate the House Armed Services Committee's continued support of our servicemembers and our national defense, I have serious concerns with a number of misguided provisions in this year's NDAA.

This year's authorization bill authorizes \$513.4 billion in budget authority, including \$495.8 billion for the Department of Defense and \$79.4 billion in overseas contingency operations (OCO). Unfortunately, it rejects many cost saving measures recommended by the Pentagon and would eliminate more than \$50 billion in potential savings for our military over the next five years.

Of particular concern, H.R. 4435 prioritizes unrequested weapons systems and parochial interests over our military readiness. It slashes military readiness by \$1.2 billion from the President's FY15 request despite the fact that Secretary Hagel has consistently warned that if cuts to our military readiness persist, and we were confronted with an emerging threat, "the United States may not have enough ready forces to respond."

This year's NDAA also includes a provision to continue funding restrictions on the construction or modification of detention facilities in the United States to house Guantanamo detainees. I was particularly disappointed that an amendment offered by Ranking Member SMITH to provide a framework for closure of Guantanamo by the end of 2016 was rejected. As the President made clear in his State of the Union Address earlier this year, we cannot wait any longer to close down this facility.

I also share many of the other concerns that were outlined in the President's Statement of Administration Policy. This includes language that restricts the Pentagon from retiring the A-10 aircraft and a provision that authorizes \$20 million in unrequested funding in FY15 for the planning and design of a missile field on the East Coast. I also oppose sections 314, 315, 316, and 317, which would prohibit the Department of Defense from using alternative fuels and would limit the ability of our military from developing alternative energy sources that have the potential to save money and enhance our energy security.

Despite my opposition to the overall legislation, I was pleased that a bipartisan amendment offered by Representative PATRICK MURPHY and Representative MICK MULVANEY to address the migration of base budget funding into the OCO budget was adopted. We have worked together to ensure that the OCO budget is no longer used as a mechanism to circumvent budget caps. I am also encouraged that this bill builds on a number of provisions passed in last year's NDAA and continues to address the problem of sexual assault in the military. In particular, it would eliminate the so-called "good soldier defense" in court-martial proceedings, prohibiting a soldier from using good military character as a defense in a sexual assault case. These proceedings should be based on the specific evidence presented in the case.

This bill does authorize much needed funding for our men and women in uniform but ultimately it ignores the current budget landscape that our military is facing. We have to budget based on reality, instead of writing a blank check and holding onto as "much of the stuff and the training as possible" and hoping that

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"some miracle happens and we get money next year that we don't have now," as Chairman McKEON put it earlier this month. As a result of this line of thinking, this legislation avoids making many tough choices at the expense of our military readiness. It is my hope that many of my objections to this legislation will be resolved in Conference with the Senate and that I will be able to support its final passage.

RECOGNIZING THE DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE OF MAYOR PRADEL OF
NAPERVILLE

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated public servant from the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, Mayor A. George Pradel of Naperville. Mayor Pradel was recently presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Naperville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber presents this award annually to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Naperville community through their business, service, and philanthropy.

As a resident of the city of Naperville since 1939, Mayor Pradel has a long legacy of service to the city and our country. He enlisted in the Marines in 1956 and served until 1959, at which point he joined the Naperville police force until 1995. Shortly after retiring from the Police Department, Mr. Pradel was elected mayor and has since become the longest serving mayor in Naperville history.

During his tenure as mayor, Mr. Pradel has been an exemplary leader and public servant. Nicki Anderson, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce said it best when she reflected, in presenting him with the Lifetime Achievement Award, "Mayor Pradel's love and energy for our community has never been in short supply. His vision and passion has changed our community for the better and his legacy of service before self could be our city motto. We can never fully honor all of his contributions to our community and Chamber, but we will celebrate, toast and recognize him at this community event."

Mayor Pradel has represented his community well and though his term ends in 2015, he will undoubtedly play an important role in a number of development and community projects which will continue to shape Naperville for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker and Distinguished Colleagues, please join me in congratulating Mayor Pradel for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award, honoring his many years of selfless service, and in wishing him all the best in his future endeavors.

99TH ANNIVERSARY OF
AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the people of Azerbaijan and all Az-

erbajani-Americans on the 96th anniversary of Azerbaijan's Republic Day. On this day, May 28, in 1918, Azerbaijan received its independence and formally created the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

Over the past 23 years, Azerbaijan has grown to become a close and trusted ally of the United States in a geopolitically challenging region of the world. Situated along the Caspian Sea, with Iran on its southern border and Russia on its northern border, Azerbaijan was the first country in the region to open Caspian Sea energy resources to U.S. and European countries, playing a vital role in European energy security. This role is even more important today with tensions rising with Russia. A steadfast friend and supporter of Israel, Azerbaijan plays a vital role in Israeli energy security, providing almost 40 percent of all crude oil supplies to our closest ally in the Middle East.

Azerbaijan is a secular country, with a predominantly Muslim population, that guarantees religious freedom for all. Azerbaijan has been home for centuries to vibrant Jewish and Christian communities, acting as a role model for religious coexistence and freedom.

Since the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Azerbaijan has been a partner in the United States' efforts towards freedom around the globe. Azerbaijan was the first Muslim country to send troops to Iraq and has played an active role in NATO's efforts in Afghanistan, committing troops, resources and allowing use of their airspace and airports.

Although the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic was first established in 1918, this initial independence was short-lived as the Soviet Union led a bitter and bloody takeover of the country in 1920. In 1991, as the Soviet Union was crumbling, Azerbaijan reestablished its independence and looked Westward to the United States for friendship and guidance.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the people of Azerbaijan on this day. I look forward to working with Azerbaijan as our nations continue to work together and build a lasting and fruitful bond.

HONORING NANCY CANAVAN
HESLOP

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor my good friend, Nancy Canavan Heslop. Her work chronicling the amazing story of her father, Naval and Marine corps aviator Colonel Desmond ("Des") E. Canavan, and his work with test piloting the remarkable military cargo aircraft, the Budd RB-1 Conestoga has been nothing short of incredible. One of her articles was recently published in American Aviation Historical Society Journal, under the title "A Story of the Budd RB-1 Conestoga."

Nancy's father, Colonel Canavan was a test pilot for many years, and also showed unparalleled courage while serving his country as a pilot during the Second World War. He was the first Marine Corps pilot to fly both America's first helicopter (Sikorsky HNS-1, BuNo 39034, March 30, 1944, and solo in BuNo 39046, November 2, 1944) and jet (Bell YP-

59-A, BuNo 10002, July 18, 1944). He was stationed at the testing facility at NAS Patuxent River, MD, where he served as the test pilot for the Budd RB-1.

Mrs. Heslop's article explains how the Budd RB-1 was plagued with many problems, and the many crashes it suffered during testing due to mechanical failures. Colonel Canavan himself was injured in one such crash. As a consequence of its poor testing, the Budd RB-1 never saw service in a combat theater during the war. However, its design led to numerous innovations that were later used in many other cargo planes.

Out of the 17 Budd RB-1s that were delivered to the Navy, only one has survived. It currently is at Pima Air & Space Museum in Tucson, Arizona, awaiting restoration.

My friend Nancy Canavan Heslop is an amazing woman, and has worked tirelessly on writing the story of the life of her father. She has written *Letters From Des: The Life of a Marine Corps Naval Aviator and Test Pilot* and is currently writing *Letters From Des: Korea*. Nancy is a truly outstanding woman; aside from her recent success she has also been published in multiple local journals. In closing, I am thrilled to congratulate my friend on her great accomplishments.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL
DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$17,490,453,119,908.90. We've added \$6,863,576,070,995.90 to our debt in 5 years. This is over \$6.8 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

RECOGNIZING RODGER C. COLLINS

HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in grateful recognition of the hard work and community service of Rodger C. Collins. Mr. Collins has served the greater good of my constituency, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, by advocating for the economic success of both families and businesses. He is a founding member of the Economic Self-Sufficiency (ES) Program. This program assists low-income families so that they may have the opportunity to leave or avoid the welfare system. ES focuses on education as the primary way to prepare low-income families to be competitive in today's workforce and has successfully graduated over 263 families with an average income of \$39,633.

Mr. Collins served the community through the Bucks County Opportunity Council, the Economic Development Advisory Board of Bucks County, the Intelligencer Editorial

Board, and as Secretary Treasurer of the Bucks County Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Rodger also participated on the Community Action Association of Pennsylvania Board as well as the Bucks County Homeless Continuum of Care, which both works to diminish poverty and homelessness in my home district of Bucks County.

Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of working with Rodger Collins as he served our neighbors of Bucks County. Throughout his years of community service on many different levels, Mr. Collins has set an outstanding example for others to follow. Today, I am honored to recognize his hard work, dedication, and devotion to bettering the community of Pennsylvania's Eighth District.

HONORING RETIRED LIEUTENANT
COLONEL JEROME E. KELLY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of our Nation's wounded warriors, Retired Lieutenant Colonel Jerome E. Kelly, of Alexandria, Virginia. A 1965 graduate of West Point Military Academy, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor and a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam, where he suffered a severe head wound in combat.

After a long recovery during which he was nursed back to health by his loving wife Lee, he attended Washington & Lee School of Law and was admitted to the District of Columbia Bar. After graduation Lieutenant Colonel Kelly completed his active duty career in the United States Army as a member of the Judge Advocate General Corp, with tours of duty in Virginia and with U.S. forces in Seoul, South Korea. After retiring from active duty in 1986, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly continued his service to the Nation as a civilian employee to the Army at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel Kelly has recently taken ill and I would like to wish him a speedy recovery. I would also like to extend my appreciation to his wife Lee for her sacrifices throughout the years. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Lieutenant Colonel Jerome E. Kelly for his many years of dedicated service to our Nation.

USA FREEDOM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in reluctant opposition to H.R. 3361, the USA FREEDOM Act, which I co-sponsored at introduction. I am troubled by the changes that were made to the bill behind closed doors that stripped key protections and opened the door to bulk collection. The Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board found the NSA's bulk collection of metadata to be illegal and called for it to be stopped. The legislation before us today includes language that

raises the specter of the programs continuing in some limited form. This is not what the law or the American people demand.

I had intended to support the USA FREEDOM Act, which at introduction would have brought an end to the NSA's bulk metadata program, however, changes that were made to the measure, outside of the committee process, behind closed doors, at the insistence of the NSA undercut the bill. In its current form, the ban on bulk collection is watered down and potentially exploitable by proponents of these programs. In the original bill, the phrase "specific selection term" was narrowly-defined as "a term used to uniquely describe a person, entity or account." In the version before us today, that definition was significantly rewritten to allow the list of potential selection terms to be so open-ended as to encompass whole area codes or ZIP codes. In effect, bulk collection could continue under this definition.

I am also troubled that H.R. 3361 no longer includes language to establish an independent public advocate. Such a position is essential to give voice to ordinary Americans in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), which sets the legal parameters for NSA surveillance. The absence of such a position means that the FISC will continue to hear only from the government. There would be no one to stand up before the court and challenge the government's legal positions on what surveillance is permissible and represent the American public, whose data is being collected.

The arguments for ending the NSA's bulk metadata programs are strong one. Since it came to light last year that the NSA had assembled a database that includes calls made by nearly every American since 2007, many of us have asked tough questions about whether it was constitutional or even effective as a counterterrorism tool. A January 2014 Pew Research poll found that 70 percent of Americans believe they should not have to give up their privacy in order to be safe from terrorism with a majority expressing disapproval of the NSA surveillance program outright. The record on the effectiveness of these programs is scant. Before his recent retirement, NSA Director General Keith Alexander testified before Congress that these bulk collection programs foiled "one or perhaps two" terrorist plots against the United States but provided no further detail. The Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, has stated that the number of prevented plots is not an appropriate metric to measure whether the programs are necessary or useful.

I had hoped we could come together and act on the recommendations of the independent Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLOB) and end what the Board determined to be illegal programs. Unfortunately, what we have before us does not bring about the changes in the law that would be necessary. I appreciate that some of my colleagues will vote for this measure to move the ball forward and get the issue before the Senate. There's certainly a case to be made for such an approach but given that the proponents of these programs have repeatedly exploited ambiguities in the law to advance their own ambitions, I cannot stand by and let the measure pass, in its current form.

For these reasons, I reluctantly oppose H.R. 3361.

HONORING DR. LUIS PROENZA

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the career of Dr. Luis Proenza, who dedicated his extraordinary abilities to education and public service. Upon his retirement as the President of The University of Akron, his tremendous leadership as President will be greatly missed.

Dr. Proenza's career in education started long before his time as University President in Akron, Ohio. After graduating with a Ph.D. in 1971 from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Proenza joined the faculty of the University of Georgia as a professor, where he gained prominence as a researcher in retinal neurophysiology, eventually being named to the National Research Council-National Academy of Science's Committee on Vision. In 2001, President George W. Bush named Dr. Proenza to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, our nation's highest-level policy advisory group for science and technology.

During his record setting 15-year tenure as a University President in Ohio, Dr. Proenza's creative leadership helped develop The University of Akron into a powerful economic engine for regional development. Acting as a catalyst for collaborative community initiatives and partnerships throughout his tenure, Dr. Proenza helped further solidify The University of Akron as Northeast Ohio's preeminent public university.

Under his leadership The University of Akron's research portfolio has doubled in size, a fifty-block area surrounding the campus has been revitalized, and the Austen Bio-Innovation Institute has been established. Also under his direction a partnership with three local hospitals and a medical school has emerged to help establish Akron as one of the country's leading centers for biomaterials and biomedicine.

I would like to thank Dr. Proenza for the fifteen years he has dedicated to our community and the University of Akron. I would also like to thank him for his spirit of progress, education, and collaboration that has since fostered a movement among other Ohioans.

Dr. Proenza will become President Emeritus of the University, continue his current tenured professorship in biology, and will be named University Professor in the Office of Academic Affairs following a sabbatical leave.

Hopefully he and his wife Theresa Butler can spend a lot more time on their 44-foot sailboat *Apogee*, which they designed together and plan to sail on Lake Erie.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CLINICAL
ONCOLOGY ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the work of the American Society of Clinical Oncology on the occasion of its anniversary this May, marking 50 years of

progress in cancer treatment and ensuring access to high quality cancer care in the United States. When ASCO was founded in 1964, cancer was largely untreatable and there were only a handful of therapies available, most of which were ineffective and difficult for patients to tolerate. Less than one-half of patients with cancer lived five years after diagnosis. But today, more than two-thirds of patients with cancer are alive five years following their diagnosis, and more than 170 drugs are available for treatment.

While ASCO has many achievements to celebrate this year, we cannot afford to rest in the fight against cancer. Workforce shortages, payment cuts and consolidation of oncology practices are causing potential access issues for cancer care. With more than 1.6 million Americans, including nearly 80,000 Pennsylvanians, diagnosed with cancer each year, Congress must ensure that organizations like ASCO have access to the resources they need to continue this groundbreaking research. In Pennsylvania alone, the National Institutes for Health (NIH) funds more than 3,000 projects. We must continue to work together to ensure there is access to high quality cancer care in America.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and all of its contributions to the fight against cancer.

CELEBRATING THE LITTLE RIVER INN'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Little River Inn in recognition of its 75th anniversary celebration on May 25, 2014.

Since 1939, five generations of family and staff have worked tirelessly to make the Little River Inn a tranquil coastal destination where guests are charmed by spectacular coastal views and family hospitality. The inn is an outstanding example of entrepreneurial spirit and community involvement, supporting community organizations in education, the arts, and the environment.

The Little River Inn is a gem of the Mendocino Coast that honors the region's history and surroundings, draws tourists from far and wide and supports local jobs, the tourist economy and many, many non-profits and organizations in the region.

Please join me in congratulating the Little River Inn on seventy-five years of success and wishing them continued success for years to come.

RECOGNIZING ICARTEAM'S PARTNERSHIP WITH SOLEX COLLEGE AND COMMITMENT TO ADVANCING SKILLS TRAINING

HON. BRADLEY S. SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an industry leader and edu-

cational institution that have joined together to improve skills training and help bridge our economy's skills gap.

In Wheeling, Illinois, ICARTEAM, an industrial electronics repair services provider, and Solex College, a private career college, partnered to develop and implement training programs in manufacturing repair services.

The 21st Century global marketplace will demand highly-technical skills and a national commitment to improving skills training—from design to development and repair. Recognizing the critical importance of skills training and advanced manufacturing, ICARTEAM and Solex College forged a partnership to address the skills gap that affects far too many of our businesses.

Through this partnership, Solex College will provide specialty training that is not only industry-recognized but industry-developed. The expertise and experience of ICARTEAM, combined with Solex College's educational excellence, will help train and field a 21st Century workforce to support and boost 21st Century manufacturing.

I am proud that the Tenth District is home to this type of industry-educator collaboration, and I look forward to seeing its tremendous results for years to come.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEATTLE'S FISHERMEN'S TERMINAL

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Seattle's Fishermen's Terminal. Originally planned to be a simple moorage facility, Fishermen's Terminal now proudly stands as home to the finest fishing fleet in the world. For over a century, these fishermen here have contributed immeasurably to local communities and have built a deserving reputation for the Pacific Northwest as America's source for world-class seafood.

Since its founding in 1914, the Fishermen's Terminal has been a fundamental asset to the local economy. Its fresh water location and proximity to large and profitable markets make it an ideal spot for hard-working commercial fishermen to unload their catches. Despite the turbulent nature of the industry, Fishermen's Terminal continues to generate well-paying jobs within the State of Washington. My hat goes off to our local fishermen who for decades have persevered through the various political, economic, and physical challenges of their work.

This centennial gives us an opportunity to reflect on the deeply rooted connection between the Fishermen's Terminal and our community. It is an integral component of the Port of Seattle with an extensive history that predates the establishment of tech or aerospace industries in our State. The resilience that the Fishermen's Terminal has displayed over the last century gives me confidence that it will continue to thrive well into the future.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the multiple generations of fishermen and their families for their dedicated work which has given life to Seattle's Fishermen's Terminal for an entire century.

IN SUPPORT OF WRRDA CONFERENCE REPORT

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the conference report to H.R. 3080, the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, and to urge its passage. Across the country, my colleagues and I hear consistently across all sectors: invest in infrastructure. The federal investment in infrastructure has fallen to a paltry level, and our communities are feeling the tangible impacts of this every day. There are few issues we discuss here in D.C. that have such an immediate and positive economic effect in our districts. Not only does investing in infrastructure put people to work, it allows for the efficient movement of people and goods, an essential aspect of commerce, economic growth, and public safety. The failure to invest in infrastructure will threaten our global competitiveness and the safety and quality of life of our constituents.

The nation's waterways are integral to the movement of goods. This is especially true in my home state of Oregon, where wheat and other goods speed down the Columbia River bound for export markets in Asia, and imports are loaded from ocean-going container ships to barges and sent up the river toward domestic markets. This waterway network must be supported for our economy to thrive, and the bill before us today will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to continue the important work of maintaining and protecting these waterways.

The conference report also takes an important step toward full allocation of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, which has for too long seen its dedicated funds diverted for uses beyond its intended purpose. In addition, the conference report includes a set-aside for small ports and emerging harbors, which will include many ports in Oregon that are located in areas where the economy has taken the toughest hit over the last five years. These ports can't compete for Harbor Maintenance funding alongside the large, deep-draft ports, but the legislation before us today gives them a chance to access vital Army Corps maintenance funding. This was a priority for the Oregon delegation, and we are grateful that Representative DeFAZIO was able to include it in the House-passed WRRDA bill and succeed in having it be part of the conference report.

Another important provision included in the conference report allows non-federal public entities to provide funds to the Army Corps to expedite the permitting process, preventing the lapses in project approval and the massive backlogs that can result when Congress delays reauthorization of the program. This will allow local governments to move forward with important infrastructure and ecosystem restoration projects, and reduces wait times for all applicants waiting on permit approval from the Army Corps.

Maintaining healthy waterways includes protecting the coastal and riparian ecosystem. This conference report makes a strong investment in ecosystem restoration in the Columbia River and Tillamook Bay estuaries in Oregon and our neighboring state of Washington. By increasing the authorization for ecosystem

projects under Section 536, this bill will expand the scope of the work underway to preserve and restore vital fish and wildlife habitat. We must do more to bring back the stability and biodiversity that makes the Columbia River basin one of the lushest fish and wildlife habitats in the world, and this legislation is an important step.

One specific ecosystem restoration program included in the bill is the Willamette Floodplain Restoration Study, which seeks to restore natural floodplain function to the region and improve flood storage along the river. In addition, the bill includes an investment in invasive species monitoring and prevention through provisions that allow the Army Corps to establish watercraft inspection stations and other preventive measures. This is an investment worth making. Invasive species threaten ecosystems as well as infrastructure, including the Pacific Northwest's hydropower system.

One provision in this bill is especially important to a hard-hit community in my district, and I would like to thank the conferees for including it. In Warrenton, Oregon, the Hammond Marina has long been operated by the City of Warrenton, but the land on which it sits is owned by the Army Corps of Engineers. House and Senate conferees agreed to include language conveying ownership of this land to the city. This has been a priority for the City of Warrenton, which is prepared to improve the marina at Hammond Basin, a project that will benefit the economy of Oregon's North Coast. It will come at no cost to the federal government, and represents another provision of this bill that will help my constituents and, importantly, support economic growth in coastal Oregon.

Another key provision of this conference report, authored by my Oregon colleague Senator JEFF MERKLEY, is the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Authority (WIFIA) pilot project. This program will provide low-cost financing to state and local governments—along with tribes, corporations, and others—to undertake low-cost water infrastructure improvement projects. This proposal is widely supported by my constituents and groups across Oregon, from the Building Trades to the utility districts, and I applaud the conference committee for including it in this report.

I still have concerns about environmental review provisions in the conference report, and I will continue to advocate for improvements that my colleagues and I tried to make by amendment when this bill was considered on the House floor. Attributing permitting backlogs to the environmental review process ignores the funding challenges that have beset the Army Corps in recent years, as Congress has repeatedly failed to provide adequate funding for the review of all necessary projects. Though more can be done to improve that section, the conference report includes compromise environmental review language from the bill that is preferable to the House version, and I am glad to see that change.

The conference report before us today is a positive step toward robust, bipartisan investment in infrastructure development. This must be done to keep our country competitive and keep our goods moving efficiently on our waterways, and to protect habitat from the impacts of increased trade and transport. I thank the Committee Chairmen and Ranking Members for their hard work to pass a strong bipar-

tisan bill and urge my colleagues to support final passage.

HONORING 22 TEACHERS FROM
BOCA RATON SELECTED AS
TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

HON. THEODORE E. DEUTCH

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of 22 outstanding teachers from my district who have been selected Teachers of the Year. Through their incredible devotion to their students, these exemplary teachers have displayed a level of commitment to public service that can be admired by all.

The Teacher of the Year Award is presented to teachers who have been recognized by their principals for excellence in teaching. These teachers not only excite their students in the classroom but help them make connections to the real world and prepare them to move forward successfully in their education. As a parent and a public servant, I understand the need for a commitment to a globally competitive education for all of our nation's children.

Congratulations to District 5 Teachers of the Year Agnes Nemeth, Jasmin Deboo, Rachel Bennett, Bethany Garena, Allison Bradley, Fara Krinsky, Sue Mochtak-Heller, Katie Schmidt, Marisa Schweder, Twila Saupe, Renee Frias, Nora Buck, Evelyn Temple, Nirmala Arunachalam, Sue White, Michelle Gunning, Charles (Kevin Turner), Allison Lazarus, Judith Schachleiter, Bonnie Sonenson, Maria Aparicio, and Lisa Finn. I am proud to honor them as a sign of my appreciation for these outstanding teachers and the countless other dedicated teachers across the country. I hope that they can continue to inspire South Floridians to live by their example.

HONORING EDWARD C. KIERNAN

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to honor Mr. Edward C. Kiernan on the occasion of his retirement after more than 45 years in the radio business, including more than two decades as the longtime head of WBAL Radio and 98 Rock in Baltimore.

Under his leadership, WBAL has become one of the most honored stations in the country. During his tenure, it has become the market's longtime talk news leader as well as the recipient of numerous Associated Press and Edward R. Murrow Awards. Mr. Kiernan has helped expand the station's web and mobile presence and secured media rights to Baltimore Orioles, Ravens and Navy football games. In fact, he won back Orioles rights in 2011 after a 4-year run on a competing station.

An active industry leader, Mr. Kiernan has served as president of the Advertising Association of Baltimore, as a board member of the Baltimore Radio Association and as chair of

the Federal Emergency Broadcast System for the State of Maryland.

Mr. Kiernan also has a passion for his community, and his civic and charitable efforts are too numerous to list in their entirety. He has served on the boards of the Baltimore Bicentennial Committee and the Partnership for a Drug Free Maryland. He is on the Visitors Board of the University of Maryland Children's Hospital, is a member of the Life Board of the American Red Cross, the Leadership Council of Johns Hopkins Bayview Hospital, the Board of Directors for the Hampden Family Center and a supporter of Our Daily Bread.

He oversaw the WBAL Radio Kids Campaign, of which every dollar benefits underprivileged children in the listening area. The effort has earned WBAL the National Association of Broadcasters Education Foundation "Service to Children Radio Award."

Prior to his time in Baltimore, Mr. Kiernan spent 17 years as Vice President and General Manager of WCBS Newsradio 88 in New York, where he worked to acquire rights to New York Jets football games and launched two new political programs. He is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and holds an honorary doctorate from St. John's University.

I have considered Mr. Kiernan a friend and colleague for many years. I know him to be a hard worker with a great sense of humor and commitment to our city. It is with great pride that I congratulate him on his retirement and wish him continued success and happiness in the next chapter of his life.

HONORING THE REPUBLIC OF
AZERBAIJAN ON THE 96TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF REPUBLIC DAY

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day on May 28th.

Azerbaijan and the United States have developed a robust and growing relationship over the last two decades. Today we remain indispensable friends, which is an asset as we face many common challenges.

Although located in a geopolitically tough location between Russia and Iran, Azerbaijan has consistently looked to the United States as an ally despite these difficult neighbors. A secular country with a predominantly Muslim population, Azerbaijan has also been home to vibrant Christian and Jewish communities representing a role model for peaceful coexistence and harmony of different religions and ethnic groups. It is remarkable that Azerbaijan provides roughly 40 percent of Israel's oil consumption. Azerbaijan's relations with Israel can serve as a model for many countries.

Azerbaijan was also the first country to open Caspian energy resources to development by U.S. and European companies and has emerged as a key player for global energy security. The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline project, supported by successive U.S. Administrations, is the most successful project contributing to the development of the South Caucasus region. Currently Azerbaijan plays a leading role in opening up the Southern Gas

Corridor, which will provide additional natural gas to Europe.

On a security front, Azerbaijan has been a key ally in a post 9/11 era, emerging as one of the first countries to offer strong support and assistance to the United States. Actively participating in joint operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, Azerbaijan has also extended important overflight clearances for U.S. and NATO flights and provided key supply routes to Afghanistan by making available its ground and Caspian naval transportation facilities. The transit route through Azerbaijan accounts for some 40 percent of the Coalition supplies bound for Afghanistan.

As the Co-Chairman of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day and to recognize the valuable bilateral relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan. I also encourage my colleagues who are interested in supporting Azerbaijan to join me as a member of the Congressional Azerbaijan Caucus, a bipartisan group of more than 60 Members of Congress working to help foster the growing partnership between the United States and Azerbaijan and to advance U.S. interests in this pivotal region.

RECOGNIZING THE TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Trinity Catholic High School Baseball Team's State Championship Title.

It is with great pride that I stand to honor this momentous accomplishment. On Wednesday, May 14, with great determination and skill, the Trinity Catholic Celtics rose to win Marion County's first baseball state championship. These young men, after dedicating countless hours, were rewarded with a well deserved victory. Moreover, this honor was received with true sportsmanship and class.

This distinguished accomplishment is indicative of the power of our nation's youth. The drive, as well as the athleticism displayed by Trinity Catholic High's Baseball Team should serve as a model for all those who dream of great feats. The people of Florida's 11th Congressional District are extremely proud and I invite you all to join me in extending our most sincere congratulations.

Therefore, I, RICHARD B. NUGENT, Member of Congress representing the Eleventh District of Florida, do hereby recognize the Trinity Catholic High School Baseball Team's State Championship Title.

USA FREEDOM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SUZANNE BONAMICI

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3361, the USA FREEDOM Act,

as amended. Although I was a cosponsor of the USA Freedom Act as originally written, the bill we voted on today was changed substantially before being brought to the floor. I am very concerned with the short time frame members had to consider this sweeping legislation, which was negotiated behind closed doors and would not do enough to protect Americans from government surveillance.

I support ending the bulk collection of Americans' communications, secret interpretations of law by the FISA Court, and "reverse targeting" of Americans by the intelligence agencies. Although H.R. 3361 is an improvement over current law, the House should negotiate a stronger bill in a transparent process through regular order that will do more to protect Americans' privacy.

I encourage the Senate to make much needed changes to this bill and send back a real reform package that does a better job of protecting privacy and is consistent with the expectations of our constituents.

IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN LEGION POST 40 AND ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION, BRANCH 120

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, for their ongoing friendship with American Legion Post 40 in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

The camaraderie between these two posts began in 1978 when four members of the Canadian Legion in Georgetown, Ottawa, headed to Plymouth for a fishing trip. Before long, they found themselves chatting with members of the local American Legion Post. The following year, the Georgetown vets were invited to attend the annual Memorial Day parade in Plymouth—and so began 35 years of exchange. Each year, American Legion members attend the Warriors' Day parade in Ottawa and Canadian Legion members march with our Plymouth veterans on Memorial Day.

The relationship between these two veteran associations is emblematic of the affinity between our nations. Not only are we neighbors, allies, and friends, but we also share a border, a continent, and core democratic values. As such, I was touched when American Legion Post 40 Commander Phil Ryan told our office, "There's nothing we wouldn't do for them." This, Mr. Speaker, is true friendship.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the members of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, and American Legion, Post 40, for 35 years of friendship, respect, and understanding between their posts. I look forward to watching this alliance continue to thrive.

RECOGNIZING SOUVENISE JEANNE BAZILE

HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I use today to recognize Ms. Souvenise Jeanne Bazile, who passed away on May 11, 2014.

Ms. Bazile, who lived in Spring Valley, New York, was 107 at the time of her passing. Originally from Haiti, she moved to United States in 1978 to join her husband. Ms. Bazile was a loving mother who dedicated herself to her six children, fifteen grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Just a few months ago, Ms. Bazile fulfilled one of her dreams: becoming an American citizen. After living here for three decades, working hard and contributing to society, Ms. Bazile became one of the oldest immigrants ever to gain citizenship. She is truly an inspiration for all those who hope to one day achieve the American dream.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to recognize my constituent, Ms. Souvenise Jeanne Bazile. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring her tremendous life.

RECOGNIZING BUNKERS IN BAGHDAD

HON. CHRIS COLLINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to speak about an outstanding organization headquartered in Buffalo, New York: Bunkers in Baghdad.

The organization was started by Joe Hanna in 2008 after learning that golf had become a favorite form of stress relief for soldiers serving in combat zones overseas. The purpose of Bunkers in Baghdad is simple—they collect new and used golf balls and golf clubs and then ship them overseas to soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan. The program also includes injured veterans who are currently recovering in Wounded Warriors programs and other military installations and VA hospitals across the United States.

The first official shipment of golf balls went out in November 2008 to reach Iraq in time for the holidays. The inaugural shipment was made even more special by the fact that it was coordinated and packaged by students from the Williamsville Central School District. In addition to raising money to ship each box directly through the United States Postal Service, the students packed each box with balls, holiday cards, and letters they wrote to the soldiers.

I would like to recognize and congratulate the organization on their accomplishments. In just 5 short years, Bunkers in Baghdad has collected and shipped 5 million golf balls and 150,000 golf clubs to our military service men and women and wounded warriors in all 50 states and 30 countries around the world. This initiative, focused on those who have given so much, is an example to us all as we continue to honor those who serve.

CELEBRATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAPEVINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HON. KENNY MARCHANT

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the

Grapevine Historical Society of Grapevine, Texas.

In 1973, the Grapevine Historical Society was organized and incorporated as a nonprofit organization. The first project that the group undertook was to preserve the Cotton Belt Depot. The railroad had no further use for the Depot and intended to demolish it. In order to save the Cotton Belt Depot, members of the Grapevine Garden Club, led by Alberta Nettleton, organized the Grapevine Historical Society to move the Depot off the railroad land to Heritage Park.

The Grapevine Historical Society solicited items of historical significance from the community to start its first museum inside the Depot. Due to the growth of the collection, the Society eventually employed a curator for the museum. The railroad later sold the land where the Depot had been on Main Street to the City of Grapevine. The Heritage Foundation had been formed in the meantime and took over the project of moving the Depot back to its original location and restoring it.

Over the past forty years, the Grapevine Historical Society has published several books that detail the history of the City of Grapevine. In 1979, the first edition of *The Grapevine Area History Book* was published under the direction of editor Charles Young. In 2006, editor Sandra Tate and members of the Society assembled a second book entitled *Grapevine's Most Unforgettable Characters*. This book contains over 400 stories from people who pioneered the City of Grapevine and individuals who are currently living in the city today.

The Grapevine Historical Society has also sponsored a program to preserve the oral history of Grapevine. The Audio History Project includes stories from city leaders on education, business, and government. In addition, the Grapevine Historical Society compiled the first inventory of headstones in several area cemeteries including Grapevine, Bear Creek, Minters Chapel, and Parker Cemeteries.

The Grapevine Historical Society originated the Historical Marker Program and has dedicated and provided markers for various landmark buildings throughout Grapevine.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize the Grapevine Historical Society for its 40th anniversary. I ask all of my distinguished colleagues to join me in commending the Grapevine Historical Society on its commitment to preserve the history of the City of Grapevine.

INTRODUCTION OF ROBIN DANIELSON ACT OF 2014

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, American women deserve the ability to make educated decisions when purchasing products that could potentially endanger their health and their lives. Women in America spend over \$2 billion per year on feminine hygiene products. Recent independent studies led by women's health organizations have shown that some feminine hygiene products could contain additives that may be harmful to a woman's health. The FDA requires tampon manufacturers to monitor dioxin levels but this information is not

readily made available to the public. Diseases such as cervical cancer, endometriosis, infertility, and ovarian cancer may be linked to feminine hygiene products in our bodies but there is no way of knowing the extent of these connections with the lack of research on feminine health today.

Women's health issues and feminine hygiene are taboo subjects in many cultures, including our own. In order to move past stigmas associated with menstrual health, leaders must unite to promote research that will educate and empower women and also ensure their safety and health. It is time to ensure that accurate information with regards to women's health is being collected and is readily accessible. That is why I have introduced legislation that directs the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to conduct research to determine the extent of contaminants in feminine hygiene products. The Robin Danielson Act of 2014 directs the NIH to research whether the presence of dioxin, synthetic fibers, and other chemical additives like chlorine and fragrances pose any health risks to women who use feminine hygiene products. Recent studies from women's health organizations have found that they might.

We must be a leader in fighting against the challenges that confront women's health globally. This way, we can break the silence around the world by confronting taboos that interfere with the well-being of women by proving that these issues deserve our attention. I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation that I am introducing on Menstrual Hygiene Day.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SMITHSONIAN EXPOSITION OF THE WAMPANOAG MISHOON

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the addition of a piece of Massachusetts'—and our nation's—history to the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). In September 2013, a traditional canoe of the Wampanoag tribe, known as a mishoon, was delivered to the NMAI from Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts—completing its trip down the coast from the Wampanoag's historical home to our nation's capital. Here, it will be proudly displayed as a symbol of the cultural significance and technological advancement of the Tribe.

The history of the Wampanoag is deeply intertwined with the turbulent settlement and birth of our nation. Known as "the People of the First Light," the Wampanoag Tribe inhabited southern New England at the arrival of the first European settlers. It was the Wampanoag with whom the Pilgrims celebrated the first "Thanksgiving," and it was from the preceding and continued interactions between these settlers and that native population that our modern judicial system and promotion of civil rights evolved.

Today, the Wampanoag Tribe continues to play an active role in promoting tribal rights and preserving their heritage. Plimoth Plantation's Wampanoag Indigenous Program is a shared museum that has worked to educate

citizens across the country and raise public awareness of the shared history, rich culture, and traditions of the tribe. The gift of the hand-made mishoon—a vessel of passage and goods—is symbolic of the role of the Wampanoag people have played from the early years of our nation to our continued fight for equality and tribal rights. I am proud that it has found a home at the NMAI—an institution devoted to the preservation of our nation's intricate history.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues and their constituents to join me in experiencing a page out of history and visiting the Wampanoag mishoon at the NMAI.

COMMEMORATING AZERBAIJAN'S REPUBLIC DAY

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. BORDALLO. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of Republic Day on May 28.

Located at the crossroads of Western Asia and Eastern Europe, Azerbaijan was established in 1918 becoming the first democratic and secular republic in the Muslim world before being incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1920. The country regained its independence in 1991.

Lasting only two years, from May 1918 to April 1920, Azerbaijan's first democratically elected government was committed to a strong and independent democratic state.

The desire of independence did not die in Azerbaijan in 1920. On October 18, 1991, the Independent Republic of Azerbaijan was officially restored by a declaration of Azerbaijan's National Assembly, Milli Mejlis.

Today Azerbaijan is a thriving democracy and a strong ally to the U.S. Azerbaijan enjoys one of the fastest growing economies in the world. With the inauguration of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan pipeline, oil from the Caspian Sea now has an alternative route to reach world markets, bypassing Russian controlled pipelines. Soon the parallel natural gas pipeline will further dilute Russia's monopoly on energy in that region.

Azerbaijan is a partner in international and regional organizations including the U.N., Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

Again, it is my distinct pleasure to honor the Republic of Azerbaijan in celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day, and to recognize the invaluable bilateral relationship between the United States and Azerbaijan.

HONORING HERBERT "HERB" GREENBERG

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. ELLMERS. Mr. Speaker, with a heavy heart, I am saddened to announce the passing of Herbert "Herb" Greenberg. Herb was a

champion and an advocate for the Rocky Mount community he served and was a blessing to me, personally, when my district still included Nash County.

Herb's humble spirit and ambitious nature contributed to his successful launch of WHIG-TV, a community-based TV station that was the first of its kind. The station was used to promote local events and played a large role in keeping everyone in the community informed. Because of this, Herb was a trusted voice and source for many in Nash County.

Herb worked alongside many members of our community, serving in groups such as the Christian Fellowship Home and the Frederick E. Turnage Chapter of the American Red Cross. A recipient of the annual and prestigious Woody Brown Award, Herb was known as the driving force behind many of the wonderful events taking place in Rocky Mount.

While I am saddened by his passing, I am encouraged by the legacy Herb leaves behind—as it is one that displays his passion and commitment to service, both to his community and family. I am better for knowing Herb, and his spirit will be greatly missed.

HONORING CHRIS BARNETT

HON. BRUCE L. BRALEY

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Chris Barnett as he walks across the great state of Iowa, raising awareness of the need for new foster parents.

As Chris takes on mother nature, battles blisters, and logs approximately 875 miles across Iowa in both directions, Chris will let folks know about the tremendous need for additional foster families throughout the state of Iowa.

Chris and his wife have been foster parents since 2003 and have been able to foster more than 30 children in that time. As a former foster child himself, Chris understands the impact foster parents have on a child's life, which has been his passion as he has worked in the human service field for over 27 years.

We can never forget the impact each home has on a small child. This impact stays with a child throughout his or her life. Safe and caring homes improve our society and our country. I applaud Chris on his continued pursuit to bring a voice to an under-discussed issue and congratulate him on this extraordinary accomplishment.

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR ERIC HARRISON

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Major Eric Harrison, United States Army for his extraordinary dedication to duty and service to the United States of America. Major Harrison will be moving on from his present assignment as an Army Congressional Liaison to the House of Representatives to Fort Hood, Texas.

Army Congressional Liaisons provide an invaluable service to both the military and Congress. They assist Members and staff in understanding the Army's policies, actions, operations, and requirements. Their firsthand knowledge of military needs, culture, and tradition is a tremendous benefit to Congressional offices.

A native of Fairport, New York, Major Harrison graduated from North Georgia College in 2002 and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery. He has served in a variety of assignments including service in Germany, Hawaii, and the Pentagon. Major Harrison was selected for the highly competitive Joint Chiefs of Staff Internship program and has participated in multiple combat tours to Iraq.

Major Harrison's military awards include the Combat Action Badge and Bronze Star Medal (three awards), as well as the Iraq Campaign Medal. He was also inducted into the Honorable Order of Saint Barbara. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from North Georgia College, a Master of Arts in Leadership and Management from Webster University, and a Master of Policy Management from Georgetown University.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the selfless service of Major Harrison as he proceeds to the next chapter in his remarkable career and continues to serve our great Nation. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I join my colleagues in recognizing and commending Major Harrison for his dedicated service to this country. For all he and his family have given and continue to give to our country; we are in their debt. We wish him, his wife Sara, and his sons Eli and Jack, all the best as they continue their journey in the United States Army.

INTRODUCING THE "MANAGED CARBON PRICE ACT OF 2014"

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to re-introduce legislation to establish a carbon tax on fossil fuels. Earlier this month, the Third U.S. National Climate Assessment, the most comprehensive and authoritative scientific report ever generated about climate change in the United States, was released, offering just the latest in dire warnings of the impact climate change is already inflicting on our planet. This is not an abstract notion for future generations to cope with and address; it is happening now and will only get worse with inaction.

I am re-introducing this legislation to continue the serious discussion on climate change that has long been overdue. With extreme weather events becoming more common, every corner of the United States is already grappling with the effects of climate change. As the problem grows more urgent, businesses and even the U.S. military are recognizing the very real costs associated with doing nothing. President Obama's Climate Action Plan underscores the need to address this issue, and with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency releasing its climate rule for existing power plants next week, I am pleased to see the discussion turning into action.

My legislation, the Managed Carbon Price Act of 2014, places a price on carbon emissions that would increase over time, which would in turn create a market incentive to reduce emissions. The proceeds from this legislation go into a newly-created Energy and Economic Security Trust Fund where 100 percent of the revenue goes back to the public to offset any price increases. This bill is good for the environment and good for business. The legislation recognizes and incentivizes the market for green technologies and innovation and levels the playing field for companies already investing in sustainable business practices. By putting a price on carbon we are setting the stage to export these technologies worldwide.

We owe it to ourselves and to our children to do more than just watch idly as droughts, floods, sea ice melt, ocean acidification, rising sea levels and other effects of climate change continue to take their toll. This legislation is a small step toward meeting this commitment. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

HONORING LABORERS' LOCAL 81

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize Laborers' Local 81 upon the dedication of their new Union Hall in Valparaiso. Union members and leaders commemorated the event with a building dedication ceremony that was held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at Laborers' Local 81 Union Hall in Valparaiso.

In 1918, Laborers' Local 81 was chartered by what is now known as Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). Local 81 was located in Gary until 1977, at which time it was relocated to Valparaiso. The skilled members of Local 81 have for many years excelled in their work on heavy highway, utilities, commercial building construction, tunnel construction, hazardous materials handling, asbestos removal, and much more. They place concrete for highways and install and repair sewer, water, and natural gas lines within Lake, Porter, LaPorte, and Starke counties. These outstanding laborers have played a major role in the development of communities throughout Northwest Indiana for more than 95 years and are fine examples of the region's rich history of excellence in its craftsmanship and loyalty by its tradesmen. Local 81 members and leaders have demonstrated their loyalty to both the union and the community through their hard work and self-sacrifice.

Due to the steadfast determination and extraordinary efforts of Business Manager and Delegate to the District Council, Mike Campbell, Local 81 is able to open its new Union Hall, which will house administrative offices, meeting areas, and a training center in Valparaiso. Mr. Campbell's enthusiasm and constant support to Local 81 and to the community of Northwest Indiana is truly outstanding, and for this, he is worthy of the utmost praise.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Laborers' Local 81 members and leaders as they celebrate the opening of their new Union

Hall in Valparaiso. I want to congratulate these dedicated union members, as well as all of the hardworking union men and women throughout America for committing themselves to making a significant contribution to the growth and development in Northwest Indiana and beyond.

H.R. 3080

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bipartisan agreement to make critical investments in our nation's water infrastructure. Today's bill is an example of Congress working together to address the priorities of the American people, and I applaud the Conference Committee for the hard work that brought it to the Floor.

The Water Resources Reform and Development Act authorizes critical projects to maintain our nation's waterways and ports. For Maryland, this work ensures continued operations at the Port of Baltimore, supporting thousands of jobs and encouraging trade. It also provides essential support for the ongoing restoration of the Chesapeake Bay, from creating habitat out of clean dredged material at Poplar Island to rebuilding our oyster population. Additionally, this bill provides for the development of a new, comprehensive plan for the Army Corps of Engineers to restore and protect the Bay.

After we pass this bill, we must provide the necessary funding to ensure the completion of its important work. I look forward to working with my colleagues to make sure we finish the job.

HONORING DR. EI-ICHI NEGISHI

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, rise today to honor the accomplishments of Nobel laureate Dr. Ei-ichi Negishi, the Herbert C. Brown Distinguished Professor and Teijin Limited Director of the Negishi-Brown Institute at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Negishi has been elected into the National Academy of Sciences, one of the highest honors given to a scientist or engineer in the United States.

Dr. Negishi was elected to the academy in recognition of his distinguished and continuing achievements in original, pioneering research. Negishi won the 2010 Nobel Prize in chemistry for his palladium-catalyzed cross coupling technique to link carbon atoms and synthesize molecules. In addition to its use in the development of painkillers and cancer treatments, it is estimated that "Negishi coupling" is used in more than one-quarter of all chemical reactions in the pharmaceutical industry. The technique also has been used in fluorescent marking essential for DNA sequencing and in the creation of materials for thin LED displays.

Dr. Negishi currently serves as the inaugural director of Purdue's Negishi-Brown Institute,

which supports basic research in catalytic organometallic (the study of compounds with bonds between Carbon and a metal) chemistry through graduate and postdoctoral fellowships, regular workshops and symposia, and relationships with industrial partners.

Dr. Negishi grew up in Japan and received a bachelor's degree in organic chemistry from the University of Tokyo in 1958. He moved to the United States in 1960 to attend graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania as a Fulbright-Smith-Mundt scholar, earning a doctorate in organic chemistry in 1963. Negishi came to Purdue in 1966 as a postdoctoral researcher under Dr. Herbert Brown, who won the Nobel Prize in 1979. Negishi went to Syracuse University in 1972, where he was an assistant professor and then an associate professor before returning to Purdue in 1979.

He was appointed the H.C. Brown Distinguished Professor of Chemistry in 1999 and has won various awards, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, the A.R. Day Award, a 1996 Chemical Society of Japan Award, the 1998 American Chemical Society Organometallic Chemistry Award, a 1998 Humboldt Senior Researcher Award and the 2010 American Chemical Society Award for Creative Work in Synthetic Organic Chemistry. He also was given the 2010 Order of Culture, Japan's highest distinction, and named as a Person of Cultural Merit. Negishi has authored more than 400 publications including two books, one of which is the Handbook of Organopalladium Chemistry for Organic Synthesis. Collectively, these publications have been cited more than 20,000 times.

His current research focuses on understanding metal-catalyzed organic reactions with possible applications in health and energy-related fields.

In light of this career accomplishment, I ask the 4th District and all Hoosiers to join me in congratulating Dr. Negishi for this great honor and achievement.

IN MEMORY OF EMANUEL RAYMOND LEWIS, LIBRARIAN EMERITUS OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to an extraordinary life, to an extraordinary individual, to a dear friend of mine for many, many years. Emanuel Raymond Lewis, Librarian Emeritus, the last and longest serving Librarian of the U. S. House of Representatives, prolific author, archivist, educator, humorist, historian, illustrator, psychologist, and recognized expert on military and naval history, died May 14 in Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, MD.

He was the husband of my former Chief of Staff, Eleanor Lewis, an extraordinary individual in her own right, who had been Geraldine Ferraro's Chief of Staff and JOHN DINGELL's Chief of Staff as well.

Dr. Lewis was appointed House Librarian in 1973, and served until January 1995 when the library, which predated the Library of Congress, along with the House Historical Office, was down-sized and placed under the Legislative Resource Center. The Library was the of-

ficial custodian of all documents generated by the House.

Ray Lewis was a man of the House, and so much more. Ray lived a life of vast experience—he was a genuine Renaissance man. He loved his work, and his scholarship and service to the House and to this country left us all enriched.

During his tenure as an officer of the House, Dr. Lewis combined disciplined intellect with a deep interest in the House's history and the patience to guide House members and staff seeking historical understanding of this institution. During the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearings on President Nixon, Lewis provided critical historical references to guide the committee in its work. And he honored the tradition of the office he headed, authoring a history of "The House Library" and promoting the ties with the Senate Library and the Library of Congress' Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Speaker, as I said, I knew Ray Lewis for much of the time I have served in the House of Representatives. I got to know him, his sense of humor, his sense of this institution, his sense of decency, his sense of excitement of what was going on here and around the world. And with Eleanor he traveled much of the world and, in each place, brought something new home with him to share with all of us.

From his service as an officer in military intelligence from 1954–1956, Dr. Lewis developed a life-long interest in the history of military architecture and technology in the United States, which culminated in the 1970 publication of "Seacoast Fortifications of the United States" published by the Smithsonian Institution Press. He wrote this work while a Post-Doctoral Research Associate 1969–1970 at The Smithsonian Institution. Initially an architectural student at the University of California at Berkeley, Dr. Lewis turned his early drawing talents to illustrate his book.

Commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Coast Artillery Corps, he transferred to Military Intelligence when the Corps was abolished shortly after his commission. As commander of a group of Soviet military defectors—Lewis was a native Russian speaker—he was assigned responsibility for testing security at military bases. He retired as a Captain.

Dr. Lewis researched military documents in the National Archives, and traveled extensively to fortification sites around the country for his book, the first comprehensive work on the subject of coastal fortifications in a century, now used by the U. S. National Park Service in training their employees. This seminal work examined the prominent role played by these fortifications in American defense policy prior to World War II.

Lewis was accompanied on these travels by his future wife, Eleanor, and the couple referred to the time as 'their forting days in lieu of their courting days.' Travel would become a constant in their lives together—his proposal of marriage included an unusual vow—"marry me and I will take you to Tashkent, Samarkand, and Bukhara"—and he did. Over forty-five years they would visit every continent, and more than 100 countries.

Eleanor, as I said, was my Chief of Staff, and she is still a very dear and close friend. She and Ray were partners in life for over four decades. They were partners, as well, in intellectual pursuit and in love of this country and this institution.

Dr. Lewis published widely in military and naval-related journals including "Military Affairs," the "U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings," "The Military Engineer," "Capitol Studies," "U.S. Naval Institute Proceedings," "Military Engineer," "Dictionary of American History," "Encyclopedia of the United States Congress," and "Warship International." Editors of the latter publication honored his work in their annual "Best Articles of the Year" on three separate occasions.

In 1969 working for System Development Corporation of Santa Monica, CA, considered the world's first computer software company, Dr. Lewis co-authored "The Educational Information Center: An Introduction," a general guide to the process of establishing an educational information center.

Born to Siberian immigrants in Oakland, CA, November 30, 1928, Dr. Lewis attended the University of California at Berkeley (BA/MA) and the University of Oregon (PhD). While enrolled at the University of Oregon he studied with a grant from the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH). He became a tenured psychology professor in the Oregon University System for a half-dozen years. Dr. Lewis was among the first psychology professors to participate in the creation of the Oregon State Board of Psychologist Examiners, and the first Oregon professor to teach on campus through television.

Dr. Lewis had a life-long love of public spaces and actively worked to preserve parkland. On May 27, 1937 at age 8, he joined his parents and his brother Albert, now deceased, in walking across the Golden Gate Bridge on opening day. He donated specimens unearthed at forts to national and state parks, including Fort Stevens at the mouth of the Columbia River in Oregon.

To honor his father, Jacob A. Lewis, Dr. Lewis donated ten acres to the city of Hayward, CA—the "J.A. Lewis Park" is now part of the Hayward (CA) Area Recreation and Park District. The elder Lewis had donated the same land area—ten acres—in San Francisco to build Congregation Ner Tamid.

In 1965, Dr. Lewis prepared "A History of San Francisco Harbor Defense Installations: Forts Baker, Barry, Cronkhite, and Funston" for the State of California Division of Beaches and Parks. This work, which evolved into Dr. Lewis' later book on coastal fortification, was instrumental in the formation of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) in 1972. In 1971 Dr. Lewis was called to testify before a subcommittee of the House Interior Committee during hearings on creating the GGNRA.

Dr. Lewis was well-known to House Members and especially staff who sought his help in researching issues before the Congress. He was regarded as a friendly curmudgeon who could be relied on to quickly locate helpful historical information. The time he saved those staffers, however, was all too frequently consumed in conversation about whatever matter Dr. Lewis happened to be engaged in researching at the time.

His curiosity and love of learning spanned a wide range of interests. Those interests were manifested in his personal collection authentic African spears, including several purchased in Umhlanga, South Africa, which were used in the 1879 Anglo-Zulu War; the muzzle of a 16-inch gun from the USS Indiana now on display at the Navy Museum in Washington, D.C.; a

1954 MG which was best of show in the 25th Anniversary of the "Concours d'Elegance" June 29, 1997 in Forest Grove, Oregon; and Soviet Field Marshal memorabilia. Side interests included the study of California geography, and Native American tribes—the House Librarian was once called upon by Vice President Spiro Agnew for advice on the authentic pronunciation of tribal names.

It was fitting that the House Librarian—in the tradition of Jefferson—held thousands of books in his personal collection.

Ray's passions for travel and collecting items of interest came together when it came to trains. It's hard to know whether his collection of train models, especially those of the Southern Pacific Daylight, came from the time he spent riding the rails, but we know he loved traveling by train. His adventures included a cross-country excursion from Washington, DC to San Francisco, as well as passage on the Trans-Siberian Railway from Khabarovsk to Moscow. Along with his trips on the Canadian and Pacific Railways, Ray's rail experiences, like so much of his life, were full and adventurous.

For all his scholarly activities, Lewis took great pleasure in hanging out with some of the legendary cultural figures of his time—jazz greats Louis Armstrong and Dave Brubeck, as well as comedy giants Lenny Bruce and Mort Sahl at San Francisco's "Hungry i."

An engaging and enthusiastic raconteur, Lewis could entertain with stories of juicy irony from the day's news, or of his time playing slots with Frank Sinatra in Reno, Nevada when the singer was obtaining his divorce from Ava Gardner. His own performing exploits—he sang and played guitar—ended with producing musicals and comedies in graduate school.

Born with a rare cholesterol disorder, Dr. Lewis first entered NIH in 1964 as an inpatient, and was involved in the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institutes' research protocols that led to the discovery of the statin drugs. Dr. Donald S. Fredrickson, named by President Gerald Ford to become head of the National Institutes in 1974, was Lewis's doctor; Lewis was a research patient in Dr. Frederickson's 1967 paper describing the classification of lipoprotein abnormalities in five types. This became known as the "Frederick classification," later adopted as a standard by the World Health Organization in 1972.

A devoted atheist, Dr. Lewis became a minister in the Universal Life Church, Inc., in the 1960s—he liked to joke that he could marry you or bury you—your choice. In 1999, he experienced a lifetime thrill when he met the Dalai Lama at a dinner in Washington, D.C. The Lewises had recently visited Lhasa, Tibet and at the dinner presented the Dalai Lama with photographs of Norbulingka, the summer palace from which he escaped the Chinese in March 1959.

Ray Lewis, to the end of his life, digested life, welcomed life. Tennyson wrote, in his poem Ulysses: 'I am a part of all that I have met; yet all experience is an arch which thro' gleams that untravell'd world whose margin fades/for ever and forever when I move./How dull it is to pause, to make an end,/to rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!'

That was Ray Lewis's philosophy. He saw life as an ever-expanding opportunity to enrich himself and others with his intellect and his excitement for what could be done in this

House. His knowledge, his intellect, his humor, his engaging personality truly shined upon us all.

Ray was my friend. He was an American to be admired by us all, a good citizen, a great American, a man of the House. I join in expressing my sympathy to Eleanor, their son Joseph, and the extended Lewis family for their loss but also to all of us for our loss of a good and decent man who made such an extraordinary contribution to this country and to all who serve it in the People's House.

RECOGNIZING LT. COL. KENDALL LEMLEY

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment to recognize the distinguished service of a constituent of mine, Lt. Col. Kendall Lemley, USAF Reserve. Lt. Col. Lemley has announced his retirement from the position of Admissions Liaison Officer for the United States Air Force Academy after more than thirteen years of guiding and advising our best and brightest young men and women. I've had the pleasure of working with Lt. Col. Lemley at numerous academy information nights, held for students interested in attending a U.S. Service Academy. He was always prepared and enthusiastic about speaking with students interested in military service.

Lt. Col. Lemley is a 1992 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy where he earned his B.S. in Computer Science. He also holds Masters Degrees from the U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology and Central Michigan University. In the midst of a busy career as a computer officer in the Air Force and an IT manager in the private sector, he always set aside time to assist my office and my constituents in their scholastic pursuits. I cannot thank him enough for being such a strong advocate of our nation's military, and I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

HON. VIRGINIA FOXX

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the 96th Azerbaijan Republic Day.

Republic Day celebrates Azerbaijan's declaration of independence from the Russian Empire in 1918.

That hard-won independence, however, was short-lived as the new Democratic Republic of Azerbaijan was soon occupied by the Soviet Union. After the Soviet collapse in 1990, Azerbaijan regained its independence.

A valuable international ally, Azerbaijan was among the first nations offering unconditional support to the United States in the war against al Qaeda, providing a safe transit route to resupply our troops in Afghanistan.

Azerbaijan leads the Central Asian area in regional economic cooperation and is a key player in European energy security matters.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in thanking the people of Azerbaijan for their friendship and in congratulating Azerbaijanis around the world on the anniversary of Republic Day.

HONORING THE AMERICAN HELLENIC EDUCATIONAL PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION RECEPTION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I stand before you to recognize the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) as members come together for the annual AHEPA/Daughters of Penelope District #12 and #13 Convention, which will take place at Dynasty Banquets in Hammond, Indiana, from Friday, May 30 to Sunday, June 1, 2014.

The Order of AHEPA was founded on July 26, 1922, in Atlanta, Georgia, joining the NAACP and B'nai B'rith in a joint effort to end racism, bigotry and discrimination against all immigrants. AHEPA's mission is in accordance with the principles of ancient Greece, to promote civic responsibility, education, philanthropy, family, and individual excellence through community service. AHEPA is the largest American-based Greek heritage organization and is made up of over 500 chapters throughout North America.

The AHEPA organization has continuously and passionately supported many charitable organizations throughout the region and abroad. AHEPA has raised thousands of dollars for Greek relief programs, feeding hundreds of families and children in Greece. They support national efforts, including the Saint Baldrick's Foundation for children's cancer research, the National Hellenic Foundation, and the National Hellenic Museum, among many others. Through each chapter, AHEPA serves as an inspiration to local communities.

As a proud member of AHEPA Chapter 78, based in Merrillville, Indiana, I can attest to the tireless efforts our local chapters, which serve more people and raise more funding for charitable organizations than ever before. The many organizations throughout the region that have been assisted by the extraordinary generosity of local AHEPA chapters include the Ross Township Food Pantry, Boys and Girls Club, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Veterans Life Changing Services, and Rebuilding Together, among many others. One example of the tremendous contributions of AHEPA Chapter 78 is the completion of six apartment complexes in Merrillville, which provide accessible housing for senior citizens. Chapter members also give unselfishly of their time through volunteer efforts, delivering meals to the elderly and serving in local soup kitchens. For enthusiastically helping so many families, children, veterans, elderly, and those in need, the members of AHEPA are worthy of the highest praise.

I would also like to recognize my dear friend Sam Benjamin for his continued commitment to advancing AHEPA's mission as he assumes the role of District 12 Governor. Sam's exceptional leadership and dedication to philanthropic efforts will prove invaluable to chap-

ters throughout the district. In addition, I congratulate Matthew Kochevar who is completing his term as District 12 Governor. Matthew has dedicated his time and efforts to AHEPA. He is an outstanding public servant and has had a tremendous impact on many lives through his work with the organization.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association. For their remarkable leadership and commitment, as demonstrated through their service to so many in need throughout Northwest Indiana and across the nation, AHEPA's members are an inspiration to us all, and the organization, one to be emulated and admired.

HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 20, 2014

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4435) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes:

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Chair, I would like to thank Chairman MCKEON and the Members of the House Armed Services Committee for the Committee's work on the Fiscal Year 2015 National Defense Authorization Act. I support the final bill; it is crafted thoughtfully and carefully to reflect the needs of the warfighter while enjoying bipartisan support from this body. Its passage is a testament to the Committee's leadership and hard work to support our men and women in uniform.

I am particularly thankful for the support of the United States Navy's "unfunded priority" request of additional EA-18G Growlers. Early in the budget cycle, following the release of the Administration's Department of Defense budget, the Navy Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Jonathan Greenert testified that there is a growing demand for electronic attack capabilities. Specifically, he requested 22 additional EA-18G Growlers above the President's Budget request to meet that demand.

The EA-18G Growler provides the Navy and all Department of Defense forces with the ability to control the entire electromagnetic spectrum, the only aircraft in the entire inventory with that capability. With warfare increasingly operating within the cyber, information and electronic domains, there is increasing importance in not just understanding, but dominating the electromagnetic spectrum. For this reason, CNO Greenert testified why he believes that the Growler is essential to the warfighter. From the Committee's work, we also understand that the Navy is undertaking further analysis this year to determine the final requirement for the airborne electronic attack (AEA) capability.

Without additional aircraft, the EA-18G Growler manufacturing line is likely to be shut-

tered before the Navy can fulfill its requirements for additional electronic attack. If this scenario is allowed to occur, the Department of Defense would also lose its ability to produce F/A-18E/F Super Hornet strike fighters, which are manufactured alongside the Growler in the same production line. Such a loss would affect our Nation's ability to surge strike fighters, meet increasing demand in electronic warfare, and provide competition in tactical aviation. The Growler program has been a model defense acquisition program, meeting all of its cost targets and delivering ahead of the Navy's schedule deadlines. Moreover, the F/A-18 and EA-18G production lines support 60,000 jobs, including 13,000 jobs in my home state of Missouri.

I am pleased that the Committee included support for 5 EA-18G Growlers above the President's Budget Request. While this overall increase will not meet the Navy's total unfunded priority, it demonstrates the Committee's position that the Growler is an essential resource that our Nation requires. Further, the Committee urged the Navy to take steps to keep the manufacturing line solvent until the Department can meet the basic needs of the warfighter in electronic attack. I will continue my work with the House Appropriations Committee to ensure that the Navy receives a sufficient number of Growlers to meet its emerging requirements and keep the manufacturing line open throughout Fiscal Year 2015.

My voice is not alone in trying to support the Navy unfunded priority for additional Growlers. The request has strong support across Congress, as evidenced by a letter circulated earlier in the year that collected 109 House signatures in support of the Growler. This is a strong showing for any program, and one that received significant bipartisan validation. That letter is attached at the conclusion of my remarks.

In closing, the Nation faces many challenges as we send our sons and daughters into harm's way to defend our freedom and liberty. The Committee's bill is always a statement about its judgment on how best to serve those warfighters. I am glad that they have made EA-18G Growlers a high priority, and I look forward to working with them over the course of Fiscal Year 2015.

Additionally, I have included a support letter for the EA-18G Growler that I authored with Representative LACY CLAY that is signed by 109 Members of Congress.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

Washington, DC, April 11, 2014.

Hon. HOWARD P. "BUCK" MCKEON,
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee,
Washington, DC.

Hon. ADAM SMITH,
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee,
Washington, DC.

Hon. RODNEY FRELINGHUYSEN,
Chairman, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee,
Washington, DC.

Hon. PETER VISCLOSKY,
Ranking Member, House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee,
Washington, DC.

GENTLEMEN: It has come to our attention the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Request of the President does not include funding for the United States Navy F/A-18 program, which includes the EA-18G Growler. If accepted by Congress, the result would be the premature end to this critical production line.

As you know, the EA-18G Growler is the Nation's only full spectrum airborne electronic attack (AEA) and protection aircraft. It provides this capability not just for the

Navy but for joint forces as well. Deploying from both Navy aircraft carriers and joint force land bases, it is recognized as a key DoD element for our Nation's warfighting capability. As the Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Jonathan Greenert has stated, control of the electromagnetic spectrum is critical to the warfighting mission today and in the future.

Analysis demonstrates that additional Growlers would increase operational mission effectiveness more than any component of the Navy's carrier air wing, now and in the future. Recognizing this, the Navy has submitted an 'unfunded priority' for 22 additional Growlers. The Growler is the only DoD option for electronic attack, and limited capacity significantly impacts mission effectiveness against current and future threats.

The Navy and other joint warfighters will not have the opportunity to fulfill an emerging requirement, however, if the F/A-18 production line is not funded in the Fiscal Year 2015 budget. Without additional aircraft, a shutdown decision will need to be made this year. To avoid this, last year Congress added \$75 million in Advanced Procurement thuds for the F/A-18 in the Fiscal Year 2014 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the Defense Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2014—enough for 22 aircraft.

Another critical consideration is the Nation's defense industrial base for tactical aviation. Today, there are multiple providers for tactical aviation, sophisticated tactical radars, and strike fighter engines. With the end of the F/A-18 production, however, DoD will be left with only a single manufacturer in each one of these areas. This scenario limits warfighting surge capacity, eliminates competition that drives innovation and cost control, and imperils future development programs. Moreover, the F/A-18 program supports American manufacturing, including 60,000 jobs, 800 different suppliers and vendors, and provides \$3 billion in annual economic impact.

We ask you to support the Navy's unfunded priority of 22 additional EA-18G Growlers as you consider the Fiscal Year 2015 defense bills. If Congress does not support further Growler production, we will lose the only full spectrum electronic warfare aircraft production line.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Ann Wagner; Blaine Luetkemeyer; Pat Meehan; Rodney Davis; Wm. Lacy Clay; Cheri Bustos; William L. Enyart; Robert R. Brady; Doug Lamborn; Paul Cook; Frank A. LoBiondo; Jason T. Smith; Joseph R. Pitts; Chris Collins.

Niki Tsongas; Carol Shea-Porter; Corrine Brown; Gerald E. Connolly; Emanuel Cleaver; Matt Cartwright; Sam Graves; Adam Kinzinger; Billy Long; Bill Posey; Gregg Harper; Leonard Lance; Tony Cardenas; Sheila Jackson Lee.

Grace F. Napolitano; Allyson Y. Schwartz; Grace Meng; Bennie G. Thompson; Richard L. Hanna; Steve Chabot; Peter T. King; David W. Jolly; Devin Nunes; Keith J. Rothfus; Michelle Lujan Grisham; Louise McIntosh Slaughter; Marcia L. Fudge; David Loebsack.

Daniel Lipinski; Ann M. Kuster; George Holding; Michael K. Simpson; David G. Reichert; Michele Bachmann; David G. Valadao; Steve Stivers; John F. Tierney; Alan S. Lowenthal; Rosa L. DeLauro; Rick Larsen; Bill Pascrell, Jr.; Robin L. Kelly.

Gary G. Miller; Rob Bishop; Tom Rice; Michael G. Fitzpatrick; John J. Duncan, Jr.; Cory Gardner; Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.; Colleen W. Hanabusa; Derek Kilmer; Sean Patrick Maloney; Timothy H. Bishop; Steve Israel.

Jim Bridenstine; Stevan Pearce; Jon Runyan; Scott R. Tipton; Gus M. Bilirakis; Mike Rogers; John C. Carney, Jr.; Daniel B. Maffei; Suzan K. DelBene; Tulsi Gabbard; Ann Kirkpatrick, G.K. Butterfield.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF DR. ANGELA GOLDEN

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize a constituent of mine, Dr. Angela Golden, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP, of Munds Park, Arizona, for her service in the last 2 years as president of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Golden has more than 34 years of nursing experience. She received her BSN from Ball State University in 1977, a Master's in Nursing Education from the University of Phoenix in 1996 and a Master's in Science from Northern Arizona University in 1998. Additionally, she completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice at Arizona State University in December 2008.

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners is a national professional membership organization representing 189,000 NPs nationally. Under Dr. Golden's tenure, AANP membership has grown to more than 50,000 members, making AANP the largest NP organization in the world. Dr. Golden has helped lead NPs in transforming patient-centered health care and has made tremendous strides in ensuring that policymakers and the public understand the care NPs provide to millions of Americans each year.

In addition to her duties as AANP President, Dr. Golden serves as an Assistant Professor at Northern Arizona University, teaching in both undergraduate and graduate programs. Dr. Golden owns a family primary care practice, NP from Home, LLC, where she provides primary care to my constituents of northern Arizona and my fellow Arizonans in the urgent care setting in the Phoenix metropolitan area.

I want to congratulate Dr. Golden on a successful term as AANP president and thank her on behalf of my constituents in Arizona's First District for the excellent care she has provided to her patients.

USA FREEDOM ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3361, the USA Freedom Act.

I want to commend Chairman GOODLATTE, Chairman ROGERS, Ranking Member CONYERS, and Ranking Member RUPPERSBERGER for crafting a compromise bill—and taking into account many of the recommendations offered by the Presidents' Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies—that will strengthen the privacy and civil liberties of all Americans. At the same time, the USA Freedom Act will ensure that that our na-

tion continues to have the necessary and appropriate tools to protect our country from those who would seek to do us harm.

This legislation represents an important first step in reforming many of the powers that the National Security Agency (NSA) currently has at its disposal. Specifically, it would end the government's bulk collection of phone metadata and other tangible records through the use of Section 215, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) pen registers, and National Security letters. It would also increase transparency and oversight within our surveillance operations by requiring the government to disclose the number of requests made for call records under the new collection process and provide Congress a summary of compliance records related to the use of Section 215.

Another significant change is that for the first time, every request made by the NSA for specific call records must be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the FISA court. This improved oversight is something I have advocated for and I am pleased it was included in this bill.

While this bill is an improvement over current practices, it still falls short of what is needed to ensure adequate privacy protections. I am disappointed that the bill does not establish a Citizens Advocate to represent citizens' privacy interests at the secret FISA Court proceedings. Last December, Representative JIM JORDAN and I introduced bipartisan legislation to create such a position. I was pleased when the earlier versions of this bill adopted a similar provision. Unfortunately, Section 401 of H.R. 3361 has since been weakened and only provides for a panel of advisors to be employed at the discretion of the FISC.

I also have concerns that last minute changes have the potential to create a backdoor loophole where the government can continue to collect vast amounts of phone metadata under certain circumstances. It is my hope that the Senate will strengthen the bill we voted on today by reinstituting the Special Advocate under Section 401, and more narrowly defining what constitutes a "discrete term".

Despite these reservations, the USA Freedom Act represents real progress and a departure from the untenable status quo. It ensures that the intelligence and law enforcement community have the necessary tools they need to protect our nation, but it does so in a manner that is consistent with the fundamental principles in our Constitution to protect the civil liberties of all Americans.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MAJOR ROBERT LIKINS III

HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major Robert Likins III of the Army Office of the Chief of Legislative Liaison (OCLL), who will retire from the United States Army on October 1, 2014, after almost 25 years of distinguished service.

Major Likins first entered the military as an enlisted infantryman. Looking for challenges

around every corner, he volunteered, assessed, and was selected to serve in the 75th Ranger Regiment, 5th Special Forces Group, and the Southern European Task Force. After several years and multiple overseas deployments, Major Likins felt a greater calling of leadership and pursued a commission in the U.S. Army.

Major Likins was commissioned as an infantry officer on October 11th, 2001, through Officer Candidate School. As an officer, he served in several leadership positions in light infantry and airborne units across the country and Europe. At the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving as a Company Executive Officer in the 173rd Airborne, Major Likins participated in a daring brigade-level parachute assault into Iraq. He then deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and served as an operations officer within the 2–503rd Infantry (Airborne).

Major Likins then joined the 10th Mountain Division and commanded two different infantry companies. On his second command, Major Likins deployed his company to an austere company outpost in Iraq where he partnered and trained an Iraqi Army battalion. Major Likins was then selected as an Army Congressional Fellow where he served as an integral member of my staff. Finally, he served as the legislative liaison managing the Soldier Systems portfolio, ensuring our troops going into combat are supplied with the best equipment available.

Major Likins has truly lived at the tip of the spear throughout his career. From Desert Storm to Haiti, Bosnia to Kosovo, and to Iraq to Afghanistan, he has deployed to almost every place around the globe where the Army has been sent into harm's way. He has also earned two Masters Degrees during his service and has exemplified the warrior-scholar who our nation needs leading our men and women into combat.

Throughout his 25 years of service to the nation, Major Likins has earned numerous awards and decorations to include: Combat Infantryman's Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge, Special Forces and Ranger Tabs, Master Parachutists Wings with combat jump device, Air Assault Badge, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit.

I am proud to share in the celebration of Major Likins' military career. I would also like to congratulate his wife, Bettina, and his two children, Patrick and Kirsten, whose love and support aided and strengthened Major Likins as he has served our great nation. I wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL
SEVERINO

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Michael Severino, M.D., an outstanding physician from Illinois. Recently, AbbVie, a cutting-edge pharmaceutical company with a large Illinois presence, named Dr. Severino Executive Vice President of Research and Development (R&D) and Chief Scientific Officer. AbbVie's selection of Dr. Severino to lead corporate innovation and

product development reflects a company-wide commitment to developing new therapies and continuing to push the bio-tech industry to new frontiers.

Dr. Severino's responsibilities will include leading AbbVie's R&D, Medical Affairs and Regulatory Affairs organizations, bringing his years of experience to bear on guiding the company's 7,000 worldwide employees engaged in scientific discovery. Collectively, they will be working to develop a steady stream of new medicines for patients.

Dr. Severino has most recently served as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at AbbVie. He is a leader in clinical development strategy across therapeutic areas including immunology, neuroscience, oncology and cardiovascular disease. Over ten years at AbbVie, Dr. Severino has consistently taken on positions of increasing responsibility, particularly in the area of R&D.

AbbVie's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Michael Gonzalez, praised Dr. Severino stating, "We are fortunate to have a leader of his caliber to steer our efforts to develop treatments for today's toughest health challenges. He will be instrumental in moving our pipeline and strategy forward."

Mr. Speaker, and my distinguished colleagues in the House, please join me in congratulating Dr. Severino on his new position and wishing him many future successes as he works to understand and treat a wide array of ailments to help others live happier, healthier lives.

REMEMBERING TONY HACKBARTH

HON. PAUL COOK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Tony Hackbarth. Tony, who passed away on May 21, 2014, was a larger than life figure in the Hi-Desert's city of Barstow.

Better known as Mr. Del Taco, Tony and his brother Ed opened the first Del Taco on First Street in Barstow in 1966. By 1981, Del Taco had 250 locations across the Golden State feeding thousands of customers every day. After selling the franchise in 1979, Tony remained the owner and operator of the three Barstow restaurants located on First Street, Mountain View, and Lenwood Road. He worked at the First Street location up until his death.

Everyone in the Barstow community knew Tony and could find him waving out of the drive through window of the First Street Del Taco location. A true man of the people, and a champion of the community it is with a heavy heart that I stand here today.

Tony served four years in the U.S. Air Force and was discharged in 1958. In 2001, he was awarded the "Man of Continuous Service" by the Barstow Chamber of Commerce and he and his wife were awarded the "Parents of the Year" award in 1990.

Tony is survived by his wife of 56 years, Barbara and their four children, Julie, Mark, Aaron, and Brae. I join with the City of Barstow and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Tony in remembering him, and praying for his family.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2014

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my opposition to H.R. 4031, the Department of Veterans Affairs Management Accountability Act of 2014.

I represent the VA West Los Angeles Medical Center, which is the largest VA medical facility in the Nation. I am outraged by the recent allegations of serious misconduct and mismanagement at VA hospitals. I understand the urgency my colleagues feel to act, but this legislation will not solve the problems plaguing the Department of Veterans Affairs because it doesn't address the systemic deficiencies that are preventing our veterans from getting the care they so deserve.

H.R. 4031 has been brought to the floor without a committee hearing or markup. It gives the Secretary of the VA the authority to fire Senior Executive Service (SES) employees at will. The Secretary already has the authority to fire SES employees for cause. The legislation is not only unnecessary; it is harmful because it would allow political appointees to fire nonpolitical senior federal executives for any reason. It would set a bad precedent and jeopardize the Department's ability to recruit the most talented individuals to the VA.

I want to work with my colleagues to draft sensible legislation that will actually solve the problems at the VA with a new metric for accountability and executive performance.

INTRODUCING THE INVESTING TO MODERNIZE THE PRODUCTION OF AMERICAN CLEAN ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 2014

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Investing to Modernize the Production of American Clean Energy and Technology Act of 2014, a bill that will continue this Nation's march towards sustainable power solutions.

This bill will continue a number of valuable tax provisions used by clean energy companies to level the playing field so that clean energy can compete with its more established traditional-energy counterparts. This is done by extending tax provisions for onshore and offshore wind and other renewable energy production.

The bill also provides incentives for clean energy manufacturing, energy efficient appliances and homes, electric vehicles, and a new era of natural gas-powered vehicles.

At the same time, this bill prevents major oil companies from continuing to benefit from corporate giveaways tucked into the tax code at a time when their industry is making record profits.

This bill is a statement of principles and vision as much as it is about tax policy. America

needs clean renewable energy sources in the coming decades, resources that cannot be developed overnight. This bill will ensure America remains a strong and prosperous Nation while laying the groundwork for an economy built on clean energy.

HONORING BILL NANGLE

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with profound respect and admiration that I pay tribute to the remarkable career of William "Bill" Nangle, longtime journalist and executive editor of The Times Media Company. Mr. Nangle will be retiring from his position after an extraordinary and distinguished fifty years in journalism. In recognition of his outstanding career, Bill will be honored with a reception on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Briar Ridge Country Club in Schererville, Indiana.

Bill Nangle's career as a journalist spans five decades. After beginning his career as a correspondent in his hometown of Wabash, Indiana, Bill went on to become an editor in Kokomo and Franklin, Indiana, as well as Bristol, Virginia. In 1970, he joined The Times, then known as The Hammond Times, and was instrumental in its success, as it has become Northwest Indiana's leading media company.

Throughout his career, Mr. Nangle has been known as a leader for good government and open access laws, fighting for the public's right to know what its elected representatives are doing. In 1989, he urged Indiana lawmakers and then Governor Evan Bayh to enact a state law in order to reverse a court decision that closed county coroner records to the public. Nearly a decade later, Bill's passion for open government flourished when he coordinated with seven of the state's largest newspapers for a project that changed the way Indiana officials deal with requests for information. He pioneered an experiment that had reporters test each of the state's 92 counties for open access to government records. The findings were presented in a groundbreaking collaboration of all seven newspapers on one Sunday, known as the State of Secrecy. The project was so successful that then Governor Frank O'Bannon formed a blue-ribbon panel, which included Mr. Nangle, to investigate the situation. As a result, the State of Secrecy became a national model for testing access to public records and has since been replicated in 32 states.

With a diverse population in Lake and Porter Counties in Indiana, as well as Illinois, Bill Nangle successfully managed a focus on regional journalism, while maintaining coverage of state and national issues. Under his direction, The Times, which publishes four zone specific issues, has been emulated and this approach termed the "Munster model."

During Mr. Nangle's tenure, The Times has made its mark as the most decorated Indiana newspaper of its size, winning the Hoosier State Press Association competition for Blue Ribbon daily newspaper of the year in 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, and 2003. Throughout his career, Bill, too, has received his fair share of accolades, including distinguished service awards from both the Hoosier

State Press Association and the Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce. He is also a recipient of Ball State University's Indiana Journalism Award and has been inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame. For his outstanding contributions to Hoosier heritage, Bill is also a recipient of the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash, presented to him by the late Governor Frank O'Bannon.

William Nangle is also committed to his community in a very personal and selfless way. This is shown through the numerous organizations to which he is active in, including the Crisis Center of Gary, the Northwest Indiana Forum, and the Northwest Indiana Chapter of the American Red Cross, to name just a few. The consummate newsman, Bill also serves on the strategic planning committee of the Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other colleagues join me in honoring Bill Nangle for his distinguished career in journalism. His commitment to his community and his excellence in leadership with The Times Media Company are unparalleled, and I wish him and his wife, Rita, and their family, the best in the years to come.

USA FREEDOM ACT

HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 2014

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, although I ultimately voted in favor of this bill, H.R. 361, the USA Freedom Act, like all legislation, it is not perfect. I, however, recognize that that without the reforms in H.R. 3361, the government's bulk collection of phone metadata and other records would continue absent necessary modifications. More reforms to these programs are necessary, and I am looking forward to continuing to implement them to protect individual liberties as well as national security.

TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE MCCORMICK

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Network of Community Options and Resources recipient of the 2014 Direct Support Professional of the Year for the state of West Virginia, Katherine McCormick. This decoration is truly an honor to receive, as it has been awarded annually for the past seven years to individuals in each state whom exemplify the values of the organization.

The American Network of Community Options and Resources was founded in 1970 as a national association of seven-hundred private providers that help support more than a half million of Americans with disabilities in communities. On May 6, 2014 Katherine was recognized for her outstanding leadership which set her apart from her peers in supporting those with disabilities in all aspects of life.

Without Katherine's commitment to enriching the lives of others, many West Virginians would be unable to function effectively in society. Mr. Speaker, the state of West Virginia owes Katherine McCormick and the men and women like her a debt of gratitude. I am honored to call Katherine a fellow West Virginian.

A NEW TRADITION OF WINNING AT NORTH STOKES HIGH

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, in sports, success depends heavily on tradition, and the boys' track team at North Stokes High in Stokes County, North Carolina, provided a perfect example of just how important that dependence can be. I am pleased to announce that the North Stokes boys' track team that calls the Sixth District home, recently won the North Carolina High School Athletic Association state IA track and field championships for the first time in the school's history.

The Vikings path to victory, however, was not a straight line. The team faced fierce competition—and holding no previous state titles—it seemed the odds were against them. Despite these obstacles the Vikings were able to solidify the top spot after completing the 4x400 meter dash. The team set a personal record of 3:34.26, which they achieved by knocking eight seconds off their previous time. Coach Mike Williams credits the team's success to the program's strong sense of tradition and support from the staff.

While winning is important, it is not everything to the North Stokes Vikings. "We want to see results," Coach Williams told the Stokes News, "but it's also important to us that the kids are having fun." Williams said that it took the entire team to bring home the state championship. Members of the team included Colin Anderson, Austin Boyles, Brandon Boyles, Daniel Brown, Cameron Corns, Noah Dike, Dawson Durham, Junior Fulks, James Hammonds, Erin Heath, Justin Kenard, Andy Kopp, Andrew Lankford, Ross Lucia, Kaleb Marshall, Kenny Myers, Laith Nickell, Ottaway Shepard, Kevin Robertson, Jarrett Slate, Mark Tucker, Seth Tucker, Blake Williams, and Dakota Young. Coach Williams guided the Vikings to the top with outstanding help by assistant coaches Rodney King, Jimmy Dillard, Ben Kelble, and Breanna Largen.

In addition to the team victory, two Vikings brought home individual titles. Moriah Boyette and Justin Kenard both finished first at the track meet. Boyette won the girls' pole vault competition, while Kenard captured the individual title for North Stokes in the boys' 800-meter

On behalf of the citizens of the Sixth District of North Carolina, we congratulate Principal Nathan Rasey, Athletic Director Trey Wiggins, the faculty, stag and students of North Stokes High School for winning the IA track and field state championships. The Vikings have started a new tradition of winning at North Stokes High.

CAP 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the 50th Anniversary of Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties. Introduced during the stewardship of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty in 1964, Community Action Partnership (CAP) agencies have served as one of the foremost tools in uplifting individuals and families out of poverty. In Minnesota, Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties has echoed the ideals of President Johnson's vision to eliminate poverty, and served as a statewide leader in supporting families, seniors and children in need.

In 1964, America was divided by growing socioeconomic inequalities that threatened the nation's foundations of life and liberty. In response to these challenges, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, legislation that inspired a nation to act in partnership with the Federal Government to eliminate poverty. Among the results of this monumental piece of legislation was Community Action Partnership, a neighborhood-driven organization focused on and providing direct support to those dedicated to helping themselves and each other.

Today, 50 years after the signing of the Economic Opportunity Act, millions of Americans have been lifted out of poverty. In Ramsey and Washington Counties, CAP has proven to be a resilient force in delivering direct services such as Head Start, energy assistance, job training, financial literacy training, food support and car ownership programs. Governed by a board of directors representing our communities and families being served, Ramsey and Washington County CAP has been a key partner in bringing relevant, culturally appropriate, innovative solutions to reducing poverty in our community.

Despite progress that has been made, we must confirm the grim reality that poverty persists in our communities, and in some cases, deepening. To conquer poverty, Congress must end the politics of division where the stigmatization of the poor has become all too commonplace, and recommit itself to eliminating poverty in the world's richest country. In Congress, I have joined colleagues across the aisle to sponsor the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 2014. This legislation reauthorizes the Community Service Block Grant and gives CAP agencies across the Nation the tools to reinvigorate the War on Poverty. I call on Congress to unite behind vital goal and give our Nation's CAP agencies the support they need to eliminate poverty once and for all.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of the 50th Anniversary and pivotal role Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties has played in my District, I proudly submit this statement.

AZERBAIJAN REPUBLIC DAY

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the people of the Republic of Azerbaijan and congratulate them on the 96th anniversary of the Azerbaijan Democratic Republic.

A country of historic proportions—Azerbaijan became the first democratic and secular republic in the Muslim world on May 28, 1918. Despite a time and region that posed many barriers to elements of democracy, on this Republic Day, all Azerbaijani's were given the right to vote regardless of religion, ethnicity, gender, or race, revolutionizing the country and region.

On May 28, 1919, President Woodrow Wilson met with the Azerbaijan delegation to recognize their dedication and commitment to principles of liberty, justice, and equality. And at the Paris Peace Talks, as a sign of respect and admiration between our two countries, President Wilson was given a copy of the memorandum containing the boundaries, economic and financial conditions, and ethnic composition of the newly constructed Republic.

Even today, the U.S. and Azerbaijan continue to maintain strong international and economic relations with one another. Azerbaijan has been actively involved in operations in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Iraq and a committed partner to energy development in the Caspian region. One such example, The Istanbul Protocol, led to the construction of the 1,040-mile long Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan oil pipeline that is owned and operated by American firms. In 2006 the BTC pipeline began its first oil deliveries and has become a vital part of delivering Caspian Sea resources to global markets.

While Azerbaijan's independence was tragically interrupted during the Russian Red Army invasion in 1920, the people of Azerbaijan persisted. Following the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991, Azerbaijan restored their democracy and has enjoyed a fruitful 23 years of stability and prosperity.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take a moment and recognize the important bilateral relationship and valued connections between our two countries. It is my distinct pleasure to congratulate the people of Azerbaijan during their celebration of the 96th anniversary of Republic Day.

YOM YERUSHALAYIM-JERUSALEM DAY

HON. LOIS FRANKEL

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, across South Florida, and indeed around the world, Jews are celebrating Yom Yerushalayim—Jerusalem Day. It was 47 years ago today that Israel liberated its capital city of Jerusalem during the Six-Day War, allowing Jews for the first time in decades to visit Judaism's holiest site, the Western Wall.

Israel immediately abolished the discriminatory laws that had previously prevented Jews

from entering the Old City and implemented safeguards to ensure Jerusalem serve as a protected place for reflection and prayer for members of all religions. According to the State Department's annual report on International Religious Freedoms, "[Israel's] 1967 Protection of Holy Sites Law safeguards the holy sites of all religious groups within the country and in Jerusalem."

Today, Jerusalem has become more than a religious haven. It is a large and expansive city where ancient holy sites are accented by modern innovations. Over four million tourists came to Jerusalem last year alone to witness the city's beauty, enjoy the cuisine, and connect to the land.

Jerusalem has been the heart of the Jewish people for thousands of years. Even through centuries of exile, Jerusalem remained the focal point of Jewish aspiration, with Jews praying towards the direction of the Western Wall regardless of where they stand geographically in the world.

That is why Israel's founding Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said in 1947, "No city in the world, not even Athens or Rome, ever played as great a role in the life of a nation for so long a time, as Jerusalem has done in the life of the Jewish people."

CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented students participated in the 2014 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional!

Sixty-three young men and women participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Lauren Sciscione from Nutley High School for her digital photography entitled, "Oil and Water." Second place was awarded to Danielle Araneo from Whippany Park High School for her graphite sketch entitled, "Wide Awake."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Matt Einloth from Hanover Park High School for his graphite sketch entitled, "Drawing Match" and Amanda Greene from Pequannock Township High School for her colored pencil sketch entitled, "In the Hands of Time."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries for the official RECORD.

Boonton High School: Giancarlo Venturini, "My Imagination"; Franchesca Lebrun, "Danielle"; Amanda Nardone, "Vintage"; Mykhaylo Oreletskiy, "Homage to Art".

Chatham High School: Laurel Jude Monks, "Twisting Through Time"; Kristen Wu,

"India"; Grace Caroline Hauck, "Choctaw"; Melissa Danitz, "The Shawl".

Delbarton: Matthew Caldwell, "Vitality"; Matthew Gambetta, "Wise Guy".

Hanover Park High School: Matt Einloth, "Drawing Match"; Alexandra Eveland, "The Brush"; Amanda Baker, "Saturday Morning Sketches"; JamiLynn Rose, "Nalipop".

Hopatcong High School: Ann Marie Carroll, "Self Portrait"; Jessica Corujo, "Dis- traught".

Jefferson Township High School: Kelli Buchholz, "Layers"; Rachel Dorrothy, "Self Portrait"; Emily Henderson, "Sunset in the Country".

Livingston High School: Adina Cosden, "Public Introversions"; Sarah Tracey, "Torn Apart"; Angelica Patla, "Diversity"; Gabriela Patla, "Diversity"; Molly Nagel, "Avant Guard".

Montclair High School: Monique Baltzer, "Street of the City".

Montclair Kimberley Academy: Lauren Charpentier, "Reflection"; Hannah Kramer, "You never step into the same stream twice"; Skye Volmar, "Marcel, My Love".

Montville High School: Tyler Becker, "Desperate and Respiratory Plight"; Christine Bochiccho, "Songbird".

Montville Township High School: Alyssa Turzi, "The Bay"; Amanda Zizack, "A Place Beyond Our Years".

Morris Catholic High School: Emily Du, "Collection—Still Life"; Marc Novillo, "American Heroes"; Sean Painter, "Les Miserable—Costume Designs"; Mario Wang, "The Capital".

Morris Knolls High School: Zachary Antonacci, "The Apprentice"; Frances Kohler, "Wrinkles of Time"; Judson Kolk, "Escher Inspired".

Mountain Lakes High School: Casey Tang, "Reach".

Nutley High School: Tyler Schoeber, "Con- quered"; Lauren Sciscione, "Oil and Water"; Cassandra Rebutoc, "The Window".

Parsippany Christian School: Troy Costa, "Garden Prayer"; Jae Hee Lee, "Mother- hood"; Daniel McMillen "Surprise"; Nich- olas McMillen, "LIFE"; Nicole Okamuro, "Freedom's Plains".

Parsippany Hills High School: Annie Wang, "Boy in Reverie".

Passaic Valley Regional High School: Eleni Chryssos, "Longevity"; Ashley Lameiras, "Prisma Color"; Julie Roman, "Untitled".

Pequannock High School: Amanda Green, "In the Hands of Time"; Samantha O'Connell, "Viral".

Randolph High School: Josh Lane, "Fili- gree".

Seton Hall Prep: Christopher Giuliano, "Sailing Away".

West Morris Mendham High School: Ken- dall Smith, "Punchline"; Michael Aromando, "First and Foremost"; Katherine Barlock, "Nefelibata"; Kristine Mahan, "Anschwellen".

Whippany Park High School: Danielle Araneo, "Wide Awake"; Rebecca Hu, "Ob- scure"; Shayna Miller, "Self Portrait".

Each year the winner of the competition has their art work displayed with other winners from across the country in a special corridor here at the U.S. Capitol. Thousands of our fel- low Americans walk through the exhibition and are reminded of the vast talents of our young men and women. Indeed, all of these young artists are winners, and we should be proud of their achievements so early in life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating these talented young people from New Jersey's 11th Congressional District.

TRIBUTE TO VARUN KUKKILLAYA

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work of Varun Kukkillaya who has joined 280 other spellers to compete in the 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee tak- ing place in our nation's capitol. Varun is a 13- year-old seventh grader from John Adams Middle School, one of four, who will be rep- resenting West Virginia in this year's spelling bee.

Varun has already performed exceptionally in the beginning testing round and I wish him the best of luck during the remaining prelimi- nary rounds and throughout the rest of the competition. Varun enjoys a challenge and is an eager traveler. Through his persistence and determination he plans to pursue a career in medicine.

This will be the 87th competition in the Scripps National Spelling Bee, which focuses on helping students improve their spelling, ex- pand their vocabularies, and develop proper concepts as they continue to further their aca- demic careers.

Mr. Speaker, the State of West Virginia commends Varun for his extraordinary efforts and looks forward to watching his progress in the coming competition.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a sys- tem for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate com- mittees, subcommittees, joint commit- tees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Com-

mittee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this infor- mation, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 2014 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

JUNE 3

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety, and Security

To hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focus- ing on examining the safety and effec- tiveness of our transportation systems.

SR-253

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Energy and Natural Re- sources

Subcommittee on Water and Power

To hold hearings to examine S. 2379, to approve and implement the Klamath Basin agreements, to improve natural resource management, support eco- nomic development, and sustain agri- cultural production in the Klamath River Basin in the public interest and the interest of the United States.

SD-366

JUNE 4

10:30 a.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine certain nominations.

SD-226

3 p.m.

Committee on Small Business and Entre- preneurship

To hold hearings to examine military service to small business owner, focus- ing on supporting America's veteran entrepreneurs.

SR-428A

JUNE 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs

To hold hearings to examine pending leg- islation.

SR-418